

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923.

The Half Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Yorkview, Wexford, on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Holly (Vice-Chairman) presiding; other members: - Messrs D. Kavanagh, J. Cummins, M. Redmond, John O'Byrne (Gorey), John J. O'Byrne, James Byrne, R. Borish, James Hall, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Gregory Devereux, Michael Doyle, Michael Blonely, Michael Byrne & James Shannon.

The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Chairman announced that the Secretary was absent through an attack of influenza.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Late Mr. Sean R. Etchingham.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey), the following resolution was adopted: -

"That we, the Wexford County Council, desire to place on record our deepest regret at the demise of our Chairman, Sean R. Etchingham. Having passed through toil, sorrow, battle & war, he has reached the promised land of Peace. We hold the deepest appreciation of how he fought the good fight for Ireland. When it was unfashionable to profess 'Sinn Féin', he was a powerful advocate for Irish Independence & the Gaelic State, the fundamental principle of his life was his love for Ireland. Of undying faithfulness, of indomitable resolution, of sleepless energy, of iron purpose & tenacity, he never counted favour at the sacrifice of his principles or judgment, & those who differed from him, never doubted the honesty of his purpose or the sincerity of his convictions. Everyone, who came in contact with him, carried away a feeling of the strongest personal esteem and regard. In his last official communication to the Council, he stated his heart was broken at the continuance of the present differences amongst Irishmen who, had, done so much in the past for the uplifting of our Motherland. In 1916, he offered his life & hopes on the altar of his Country, & he has passed away in sorrow, leaving her a jolt to distraction and turmoil.

He was the personal friend of every member of this



Council, and, as a true man and patriot, we deplore his loss.

"That a Copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Etchingham, Mother of our late Chairman"

Messrs Shannon, Redmond, John. J. O'Byrne and R. Corish also expressed their sympathy with the relatives of the late Chairman.

The Assistant Secretary & the County Surveyor, on the behalf of the staff, associated themselves with the vol of condolence, which was passed in silence, the members standing.

### Rate Estimated for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the Estimate of Rate for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924, which had been considered by the Finance Committee, with the Secretary & Assistant Secretary & recommended for adoption to the present meeting of the Council.

The members having gone into the figures as recommended by the Finance Committee, & compared the Rates with those of previous years, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the Estimate of Rate for General & Separate Charges for financial year, 1923-24 as recommended by the Finance Committee, be adopted, & the following Rates in the £ be levied off the Rural Districts of the County:-

Name of Rural District	Land s" d.	Other Hereditaments s" d.
Ennisorthy	4" 0	8" 4
Goely	4" 1	8" 6
New Ross	6" 1	4" 11
Wexford	5" 4	6" 11

And that the following amounts be demanded from the Urban districts of the County:-

Name of Urban District	County Charges £ s" d.	Union Charges £ s" d.	Total £ s" d.
Ennisorthy	1380 " 13" 4	831 " 10" 11	2212 " 4" 6
New Ross	1565 " 2" 0	632 " 13" 4	2197 " 15" 4
Wexford	2234 " 3" 3	1428 " 10" 10	3662 " 14" 1

### Notice of Motion - Hauliers on Roads & Labour Union

The following notice of motion which appeared on Agenda issued to each member, was read:-

"We hereby give notice of the intention of one of us to move the following at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923:-

"That the following resolution, adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, be rescinded:- That it be



an instruction to the County Surveyor to employ as hauliers only men who are in need of work, & that it be clearly understood that first preference should be given to men who are members of a Labour Union signed Eamonn O'Yoghlada, Gregory Devereux, James Hall, J. J. O'Byrne, James Byrne David Kavanagh Michael Doyle, Michael Redmond"

Mr Devereux proposed the adoption of the motion  
Mr. James Byrne seconded.

Mr. Borish stated he considered the notice of motion illegal as the eight members who gave the notice, did not sign it at a meeting of the Council. He asked for the production of the Standing Orders. The Assistant Secretary read the Standing Orders, relating to Notices of Motion which did not contain the condition that such Notices should be signed at a meeting of the Council.

Mr. Borish then stated he considered the Notice of Motion illegal as it was brought within a period of six months from the passing of the last resolution on the matter rescinded a resolution previously adopted.

The Standing Orders having been considered, the Assistant Secretary, in reply to the Chairman, stated he considered the motion in order.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, also gave it as his opinion that the motion was quite in order, as the original resolution had been passed over six months ago.

The Chairman then gave his ruling that the motion was in order & could be considered.

Mr. Borish stated that as he held the opinion that the motion was not in order, he could not take part in the discussion.

The Chairman asked Mr. Borish if he were agreeable to take part in the consideration of the motion & let the Local Government Department decide if the Council acted in accordance with the Regulations.

Mr. Borish subsequently took part in the discussion.

After the question had been debated at considerable length, Mr. Devereux's motion was put to the meeting & adopted.

#### Notice of Motion - Workers on Roads & in Quarries

The following notice of motion stood in the name of the Chairman (Mr. E. P. Foley)

"That in order to avoid further discussion at the meetings of Wexford County Council, as to the status of workers employed by said Council,



I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923, the following resolution: - "That all employees of the Council on road work and in quarries be members of a Trade Union, either Farmers' Union or Irish Transport & General Workers' Union."

By permission of the meeting, the Chairman withdrew the foregoing notice of motion.

#### Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Applications for the position of Assistant Surveyor in the South Emisborough District were received from: -

Patrick Pieran Mc Rally. B. E. Newtowncastle, Co. Longford  
Thomas Bullen Ballymurrin, Emisborough  
Michael Joseph. Kavanagh. Ballinahona, Ballyearney, Gorey  
The only candidates the Council considered qualified were Messrs Thomas Bullen & Patrick R. Mc Rally, B. E.

Mr. Bullen was the only candidate in attendance. He stated he passed qualifying examination for Assistant Surveyor under Local Government Board in 1920. He passed Middle Grade Irish & was a member of the Wexford Farmers Club.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Boish, Mr. Bullen was appointed to the position subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

The conditions of the appointment were as follows:

The County Council of Wexford invite applications for the position of Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £140 per annum, arising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 with vouched travelling expenses according to the terms of the Local Government Circular letter, No R/101, dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1922.

Candidates shall satisfy the conditions of the "Assistant Surveyors Qualification Order 1922" and the appointment is in all respects subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government.

The person appointed shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office, & shall reside in Emisborough or within three miles thereof.

Applications, to be made on the prescribed should reach the Secretary's office not later than 4 o'clock P. M. on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1923.



It is proposed that appointment be made on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923, at 12 noon in County Council Chamber, Wexford. Personal attendance of candidates is necessary.

### Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bolary, the following resolution was adopted:-  
That Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn, Yemo and James Hayden, Corlican, Kellurin, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors at £26 each to cover both Summer & Autumn Sheep Dipping periods, Mr. Murphy to supervise dipping in Enniscorthy & Gorey Rural Districts & Mr. Hayden to supervise dipping in New Ross & Wexford Rural Districts.

Scheme for teaching of Irish  
The County Committee of the Gaelic League forwarded the following scheme for the teaching of Irish for approval:-  
It is proposed to establish classes for the seasonal teaching of Irish in twelve centres in the County of Wexford.

Centres will be arranged into groups of three, every such group to form a district. Groups are subject to re-arrangement if necessary. As a beginning it is proposed that the grouped centres will be at Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross & Gorey, and that the teacher allocated to any one of the four groups will have his headquarters in the town centre & will teach at each of the three centres in his group on at least two nights in each week.

It is proposed to appoint, in addition, a travelling teacher to undertake work in such centres as may not fall within a group at such times & in such manner as the Board of Control may think fit.

It is proposed to appoint a Yimthut who will be under the direct control of the Board of Control and who will be responsible for such organisation, supervision & general work as the Board of Control may direct.

It is proposed to give a grant in aid to each approved Branch class, not to exceed £12 which provides its own teacher and complies with the General regulations governing such classes as set out in the appended rule.



It is also proposed to set aside a sum for the provision of scholarships for students of outstanding merit in accordance with a scheme to be drawn up by Go-bhaisle an Aingid.

#### Control & Government

##### Boisde bhantal

The County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction will be responsible for the Control & Government & the general administration of the Scheme but it is suggested that their powers be delegated to a committee consisting of six members of the Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction & four members of the Boisde Comraadh na Gaedhige, to be designated Go-bhaisle an Aingid. This Committee will deal with all matters connected with the administration of the Scheme but its recommendations will be subject to ratification by the Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

##### Muinistir

All teachers must satisfy the regulations laid down by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as regards qualifications, etc.

The Teacher's duties shall consist of -

The teaching of all classes allotted to him in his district.

Assisting in schools if needed.

Maintaining the average of classes & increasing the membership wherever possible.

Assisting the Committee of his district in any project for the spread of the language.

Keeping strictly the Attendance rolls, which shall be at all times open to inspection to any member of the Co. Committee, a sub-committee, or one of the Departmental Inspectors.

Furnishing a weekly report of work to the Secretary of the Committee.

Teachers must reside in the District to which they are appointed.

Conducting Summer Schools if such are arranged.

The County Committee shall be responsible for the salary of the Teachers, & their funds shall be derived from two sources: (a) the Rate which will produce £1,649, & (b) a contribution of £8 from each Centre which is provided with a teacher.

##### Classes

A class shall consist of not less than fifteen effective pupils.

A roll of each class shall be kept in



accordance with the regulations laid down by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

A Committee formed from each group & known as a *boisde bheanntari* shall be responsible for the government of the group & will arrange District Feiscanna etc with the approval of Go-bhoishe an

*Aingid*

Estimate In accordance with this scheme, the number of teachers required & their remuneration & the general expenses of the scheme will be as follows:-

Young District Teachers at a salary of £200 per an. each.	800
One Itinerant Teacher at a salary of £250 per an.	250
One Yimthire at a salary of £300 per annum	300

Grants to approved Branches supplying their own Teacher & conforming to the other regulations (say 12 @ £12)	144
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Scholarships to be provided for students of outstanding merit (say 20 @ £20 each)	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1690</b>

Receipts

From 1d Rate on the Count-at-large	£1649
From 12 Branches @ £8 per Branch	96
Balance to meet the supplying of free books, office expenses & to be Carried forward	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1690</b>

N.B. There will be also a revenue from the classes conducted by the Itinerant Teacher. It is proposed to raise £8 in centre attended by the Itinerant Teacher & devote it to the granting of a Scholarship to the student who works the course most assiduously & does the best examination at its close.

Approved Class An approved class must fulfil the following conditions

1. Must average at least fifteen students
2. Must have its roll accurately kept & marked within fifteen minutes from the commencement of the class
3. Must have class for at least three hours each week.



4. Must be inspected by the Yimthire at least three times in each session

5. Must show a certain standard of proficiency as a result of the course

Rev. P. Parker, P.P. & Mr. Seumas Doyle attended on behalf of the Gaelic League

Mr. Doyle explained the scheme in detail & asked the Council to direct the joint Committee carrying it out to appoint only native speakers to the positions of Teachers

After discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Borish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, to leave the matter in the hands of the joint Committee.

Mr. Seumas Doyle further asked the Council to add the following clause to the scheme:-

"That each Branch Centre must form itself into a Branch of the Gaelic League & pay the affiliation fee of £1."

On the motion of the Chairman, the addition of this clause to the scheme was approved.

The approval of the scheme was proposed by Mr. Borish, seconded by Mr. Redmond, & passed unanimously

The following was read from the County Committee of the Gaelic League:-

"Hereunder are the names of the four selected by the County Committee of the Gaelic League to represent it on the Bhoird an Airgid (Sub-Committee of Finance) provided the scheme is accepted by the County Council as it stands:-

Rev. Patrick Parker, P.P. Bushinstown

Henry Sadler, North Parade, Galvy.

J. D. Sinnott, Wexford.

Seumas Doyle Ennisceorthy.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to request the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to appoint six representatives to act on the joint Committee.

### Chargeability, Home Help.

The following report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of the chargeability of Home Help, was read:-

"at the meeting of the County Council, on 9th April, 1923 the following resolution was adopted:- 'That a Committee consisting of the following be appointed to consider the question



of the chargeability of the expenditure of the County Board of Health -

Messrs John O'Byrne, R. Corish, G. Devereux, John Pender, John J. O'Byrne, James Hall, and the Chairman (Mr. E. P. Foley).

"The Committee met on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the following being in attendance: - Mr. E. P. Foley (Vice-Chairman) Presiding; Messrs G. Devereux, J. O'Byrne and R. Corish. The Secretary & the Assistant Secretary were also present."

"The Committee went very fully into the matter & submit the following recommendation, which has since received the approval of the Ministry of Local Government."

"All administrative charges of the County Board of Health should be dealt with as County - at - large charges, and all other expenses (including outdoor relief) should be debited to each appropriate Union area in accordance with the amount of expenditure applicable to said area."

"In view of the present legal position, this is the only course advisable as it will provide for the Council striking a legal Rate."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the following letter, No. L. G. A. 15032-1923 Wexford County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government

Adverting to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant on the subject, the Ministry of Local Government desire to inform you that they will not object to the arrangement mentioned in your communication for dealing with the allocation of the expenditure of the Wexford County Board of Health."

Mr. Cummins proposed & Mr. John J. O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That we confirm recommendation of Special Committee under protest"

Mr. Michael Byrne stated he would not support the recommendation of the Special Committee, as the Rural areas were paying more than their share. He considered the expenditure for Home Help should be raised as a direct charge on the Urban & Rural Districts concerned.

After a lengthened discussion, a poll was taken on Mr. Cummins' motion for the confirmation of the recommendation of the Special Committee with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Slavanagh, Redmond, John O'Byrne, John J. O'Byrne, James Byrne,



Cummins, Shannon, Conish, & Conley & the Chairman

10. Against: - Messrs Hall, O'Donoghue & Michael  
Byrne 3.

Messrs Devereux & Doyle did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cummins' motion  
Carried

### Pensions & Compensation - Union Amalgamation Scheme.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the Local Government  
Department wrote, calling attention to the provisions  
of Section 1, 2 & 3 of the Local Government

(Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, relating to the  
compensation of officers. The Department advised  
the Council to ascertain the amount of compensation  
fixed by Board of Guardians or other authority, for  
each officer who was removed from office in  
pursuance of County Amalgamation Scheme, and  
if they considered an officer is not entitled to an  
allowance, or that the fixed sum is excessive,  
they could have the matter determined by the  
Minister. Officers were legally entitled to be paid  
amounts fixed by Boards of Guardians until  
determination had been made by the Minister.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded  
by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following recommendation  
of the Finance Committee was confirmed: -

"That as compensations and pensions under  
Amalgamation of Unions Scheme have been fixed  
by several local bodies, and as a number of  
awards have not yet been sanctioned, we  
recommend the County Council to inform the  
Minister of Local Government that the Council will  
be satisfied if all awards are reviewed by him  
and fixed on the basis that each officer will  
receive the amount to which, in the opinion of  
the Minister of Local Government, he is legally  
entitled."

### Scaled Orders - Water supply.

Scaled Orders, regarding chargeability for  
water supply at Sheepsall (Donagh) Monaghan,  
Ballysleskin, Kyle and Killmallock, were read.



### Local Elections

Order from the Minister of Local Government under Section 2 of the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1922, postponing the day for the holding of the next statutory election of County Councillors, Councillors of Rural Districts & Guardians in Urban Districts, to 12th September, 1923, was read.

### Courthouse Accommodation

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> April 1923, (L.G. 15151-1923), the Local Government Department forwarded sealed order for the provision of courthouse accommodation at Gory, Kintallenbarry, Yeans, Enniscolly, Wexford, Kellinick, Dunconick, Arthurstown, Oulart, Clonroche, New Ross & Yaghman. The Department pointed out that, if Wexford County Council abandoned its present unhelpful attitude in this matter and showed a genuine desire to facilitate Mr. Gahy, District Justice, & his clerks, the Minister for Local Government would postpone taking steps to enforce a strict compliance with the sealed order so long as the accommodation provided is reasonably adequate for actual immediate needs.

The Chairman stated he understood from Mr. Gahy that the chief trouble at present was the want of accommodation at New Ross. The courthouses had been surrendered in 1921 by instructions from Dail Eireann as portion of the national campaign against the British. The agent for the landlord of New Ross Courthouse was now taking advantage of this to increase the rent by £26 per annum & was keeping possession of the building & furniture, the property of the people.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolutions were adopted:-

"That the Government be requested to commandeer the New Ross Courthouse."

"That a Committee be appointed to arrange for the provision of temporary accommodation for the holding of courts in New Ross until the Courthouse is available, the Committee to meet in New Ross on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 1923, at 10 o'clock, new time, and to consist of the following: Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Mr. Clonky, Mr. Redmond, & James Byrne."

"That Mr. Gahy, District Justice, be requested to forward a list of the furniture he requires for the various Courthouses."



"That the Secretary furnish Messrs Bourish & Doyle, Y. L's with a statement, showing the position of the County Council in relation to the various courthouses in the County, in order that the latter may get into communication with the Minister for Home Affairs with a view to the Minister making arrangements for the Council being handed back their property without loss or receiving compensation in all cases."

#### Surveyors' Travelling Expenses.

Consideration of Circular No. R/104, under date 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government, regarding Surveyors' Travelling Expenses, was adjourned.

#### Sanction to appointments of Veterinary Inspectors

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, letter No. V B. 828-23 was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Philip J. Hayes as Local Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the Rural & Urban Districts of Ennisorthy at a salary of £40 per annum, the appointment to be determinable by a month's notice in writing on either side.

A similar notification was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Thomas Aidan Mernagh as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Gorey Rural District at a salary of £40 per annum.

#### Representatives on County Board of Health

The Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote requesting the County Council to appoint two representatives on his Board, viz Messrs J. Mc Cormack, Anestown, Ballymuthy, & J. M. Roche, Yelbol Hall, New Ross resigned on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. James Byrne, Mr. John Murphy, South Street, New Ross & Rev. W. Stanton C.C. Carriek-on-Suir, were appointed members



of the County Board of Health, vice Messrs J. McComack,  
and J. Mr. Roche resigned

### Representation on County Insurance Committee

A letter was read from the Acting Secretary,  
County Insurance Committee, requesting the County Council  
to appoint a representative on his committee, vice Mr  
Sleson, Gorey, resigned.

It was decided to make appointment at next  
meeting when local County Councillor will be in a  
position to submit a name.

### Yarns 20.

The Chairman announced that forms 20 were not  
received from the Rural District Councils in time to  
have the roads, which were intended for at Rural  
District Council meetings, re-advertised by the County  
Council in order that tenders could have been considered  
at present meeting. He suggested postponing the  
consideration of the forms 20 until next meeting.

Mr. John Byrne stated that the advertisement  
inserted in the local papers by New Ross Rural  
District Council did not contain sufficient  
particulars to enable intending contractors to  
submit tenders. He proposed:-

"That the Rural District Councils be  
requested to re-advertise the roads intended  
for at their previous meetings, & that the  
consideration of Yarns 20 be adjourned until the  
next meeting of the County Council"

The Chairman seconded. Passed

### Rate Collection

The state of the Rate Collection having been  
considered, the Chairman announced that at their  
next meeting, the Council would have to consider  
the advisability of handing back the Collecting Books  
& Warrants for the 1923 Rate to the Rate Collectors  
in order that defaulters might be prosecuted



## Report - Road Administration

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, (Ref. C. 11191-1923), the Local Government Department forwarded the following report of the Engineering Inspector, Mr. P. J. Raftery B.E.

In the course of my visit to Wexford County Council offices on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> instant in connection with the proposed Direct Labour Scheme, I observe a decided improvement in the administration of the Roads Department of the Council.

The County Surveyor has now most up-to-date offices in the new County Buildings and such progress has been made in the keeping of road accounts and other matters connected with the supervision of Road work, and there is every prospect of the whole business being run on systematic lines in the near future.

The quarry accounts are still complicated, but it is practically impossible to remedy same at this stage. The officials are hopeful that the accounts will be simplified on the inauguration of the new Direct Labour Scheme.

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, Mr. Grizzle, Secretary, & Mr. Golly, Vice-Chairman of the Council, mentioned that it was extremely difficult to obtain stone economically from the quarries owing to the lack of explosives. Arrangements for the supply of explosives could however be made, but the cost of an escort & the necessity of having charges exploded on certain definite occasions was a very adverse factor. They were of opinion, & I agree that a better return for the money expended will be possible later on in the season, but they are up against the problem of causing unemployment if work is shut down.

Now, owing to various circumstances surface work on the roads did not adequate attention in Wexford for some years past & the Council would be well advised to have as many roads as funds permitted, neatly edged full width of carriage way & all channels & water tables thoroughly secured. This would provide alternative employment to quarry work & would be seasonable & of the utmost



benefit to the roads just now.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed: -  
 "That men, now employed in quarries, which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, cannot at present be economically worked, be employed on roads, to carry out cleaning up of water tables & drainage work generally & which is urgently necessary at the moment.

"That the County Surveyor obtain, as regards Ballybrennan & Tara Hill Quarries, particulars of output for a particular period to enable the Council to ascertain how these quarries stand financially.

"That arrangements be made by which a sub-committee of the Finance & Roads Committee can inspect as many quarries worked by the Council as possible to ascertain, for the Committee, information as to their working. That Sub-Committee be requested to submit a report to the Council in due course.

#### Pay Sheets for Roads.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted: -

"That the County Surveyor arrange that the Pay Sheets for Roads & Quarries reach him in sufficient time to be in the hands of the Secretary by Wednesday morning in order that Paying Order may be issued in time for mail on Thursday afternoon."

#### Salaries, County Court Clerk &

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, (L.G. 12868-23, Wexford County), the Local Government Department wrote that, under Article 110 of the Schedule to the Adaptation of Enactments Order, 1899, there is a statutory duty imposed on the County Council to pay an annual salary to Mr. J. Long as Court Clerk & that under Sheriffs Act, 1920, a sum of £200 a year is payable to Mr. James P. Connor as Under Sheriff. In the circumstances, the Local Government Department pointed out that it would be desirable that these claims should be met in full until the procedure under the system of legal administration, which is undergoing revision, is definitely laid down.



After a short discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting.

Machinery Yard, Ennisconthy

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"It will be necessary to break a large doorway & erect a new gate to enable the Engines & Breakers to enter the repair shop - also, some other small alterations will be required to fit the premises. I estimate the cost at £40."

In regard to the small enclosed yard adjoining the main building - this was inspected by Mr. Hall & myself on the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo. It is 42 feet by 12½ feet & would be a very useful adjunct to the other premises. as it will be advisable to store a fairly large quantity of coal, such a yard will save expense as against making a coal store in the outer yard. I consider the rent asked by the Co-operative Society, viz., £5 per annum, would be well expended. Some alterations will be necessary at the gateway & a new gate required so as to make the store secure. I estimate the cost at £15.

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall. It was agreed that the County Surveyor be authorised to expend the sum of £35 in connection with alterations, etc., at Machinery Yard, Ennisconthy, & that the store adjoining premises be rented from Ennisconthy Co-operative Society at a rent of £35 per annum.

Application for Permission to erect a Petrol Tank.

The following application was read from Mr. A. H. Nixon, Jr. Gorly.

"I wish to obtain the leave of your Council to have erected at my premises in Main Street, Gorly an underground petrol tank & two pumps as supplied & fitted by the Anglo-American Oil Co. The tank would be under the footpath & the pumps would be on the kerb."

Of course, the footpath would be in no way interfered with when the tank is sunk, & the manhole for filling would be even with the flags.

The enclosed illustrations will show clearly what it is intended should be done. Many such tanks are erected in Dublin & elsewhere



They were approved of by the Board of Trade & cannot be set on fire or exploded.  
 They have been put through the most severe tests & are considered the best & safest storage possible.

Should the County Council or Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, require any further information, I shall be happy to supply it.  
 I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne Mr. Nixon's application was referred to the County Surveyor & the County Solicitor for report.

#### Income Tax - Wexford Courthouse

The following report was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, regarding claim on the Council for Income Tax for Wexford Courthouse:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of to-day's date, with the Demand Note for the Income Tax on the Courthouse.

This is the Income Tax which should have been in the ordinary course paid by Mr. Redmond out of the rent which he formerly received out of the Court House premises. The Premises being now destroyed & the rent not payable by the Council, I do not see how the Income Tax authorities can claim that the Tax is due by the County Council.

As long as the premises are vacant, no tax is payable in respect of them. I am not quite clear as to Mr. Redmond's part of the Court House, but I am nearly sure that it is portion of the destroyed part."

No order.

#### Primary Scholarships Scheme

The following recommendation of the Finance was considered:-

"We recommend the County Council to debar from competition at Primary Scholarships Examination candidates whose parents or guardians are rated on a valuation above £35; also that the rule debarring from the Competition candidates, who reside within two miles of Secondary Schools, appearing on list issued by Intermediate Education Commission, should be strictly adhered to."

After discussion, during which members expressed the view that the valuation of applicants' parents would not, in some cases, be a good



criteria as to their names, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Richmond to ask the Finance Committee to forward the names of applicants, who, they considered were eligible to compete, taking into consideration the means of the parents or guardians in each case in addition to the Poor Law Valuation."

### Road Contractor's Applications

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"William Waters, Jun., Rahemahone, Bree applied for payment of £12: 10: 0 for work done on Contract 10 W. in the year 1920 & 1921; also payment for haulage & spreading of 12 cubic yards of material etc., on same contract in December, 1921.

The County Surveyor gave particulars of payment to the applicant; the balance of £2: 6: 3 was paid him on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1921 & County Surveyor stated he believed nothing was due contractor after this payment.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Chasman, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That, in view of the statement of the County Surveyor, we consider no money on foot of Contract 10 W. is due Mr. William Waters Jun.

Mr. Thomas Genelon, Ballyfmoque, Kellinick wrote, under date 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1923 that through the destruction of Lightwater Bridge & cutting of main road at parting roads, all the heavy motor and steam lorry traffic was diverted to roads 147 W & 180 W, for which he was contractor. On account of this traffic, he had been obliged to employ labour for extra work for which he asked £5 to be allowed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Chasman, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That in view of the explanation of the County Surveyor, the Finance & Roads Committee cannot recommend the Council to make any payment in respect of application by Mr. Thomas Genelon for work on Road 147 W. & 180 W."



Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote under date 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1923, on behalf of Mr. Maurice Crean, Arnestown, Ballymitty in connection with repair of several roads in Wexford District for the half year from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1921, & for which Mr. Crean was contractor. The latter had been informed that the County Council had decided to cancel these contracts. Messrs Huggard & Brennan pointed out that their client was considerably out of pocket, & it did not seem reasonable that he should get no compensation. If a satisfactory reply was not received from the Council proceedings would be instituted against the latter.

The County Surveyor stated that, during the period mentioned in the claim, no work had been carried out on roads.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Simonds:-

"That in view of the report of the County Surveyor, we recommend the County Council to refuse payment of claim by Mr. Maurice Crean, Arnestown, Ballymitty, for work on roads during the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1921."

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1923, Mr. G. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of Mrs Margaret Slavanagh, Ballymurray, the Ballagh that a sod fence, her property & adjoining Ballymurray Quarry had been removed by the County Council officials, put in on her lands a number of feet & rebuilt of stones in a new place. Unless the Council had the fence put back in its original position proceedings would be taken against them. A statement as to the moneys due Mrs Slavanagh out of Ballymurray Quarry was also asked for.

The County Surveyor stated that the fence in question was being replaced. As for amount due for quarry, there was only 40 cubic yards unpaid for, & this was being paid for at this meeting.

Mr. W. Bolton, The Island, Kilnuckridge, wrote that, for nearly two months past, the road from Oulart to Kilnuckridge, passing by his residence, had been blocked with trees at Ballyscough Bridge, & consequently, all the public traffic had passed through his avenues which connected the two roads. The avenues had been greatly cut up & he considered it only fair that the holes should be filled up with stones & the place made passable. Only for their use, the public would have had to go miles of a round.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out at Avenues of Mr. Bolton, The Island, Kilmuckridge, which have been injured by diversion of traffic, occasioned by trenches on roads."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the foregoing recommendations were confirmed.

Mr. J. B. Smith, ex-Rate Collector

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, Messrs O. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors applied on behalf of Mr. J. B. Smith, ex Rate Collector, who, they claimed was legally entitled to superannuation of not less than 33-60ths & not more than two thirds of his emoluments which amounted to £293 per annum. & two-thirds of this would be £195:6:8.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by the Chairman:-  
"The County Council, having definitely dealt with the application of Mr. J. B. Smith, ex-Rate Collector, for superannuation, the Finance & Roads Committee consider the matter should not be re-opened"

### New Ross Workhouse as Sanatorium

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"Mr. J. E. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, under date 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1923, that he had been directed by his Board to bring before the Council a suggestion made by the Chairman of the Board to have New Ross Workhouse converted into a Sanatorium to accommodate patients from the Counties of Wexford, Kilkenny & Carlow."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sinnott

"That in connection with the suggested of the County Board of Health as to conversion of New Ross Workhouse into a Sanatorium, the Finance & Roads Committee would recommend the County Council to request information from the Board of Health as to the cost of converting New Ross Workhouse for the purpose & how



the proposed Sanatorium would be staffed. Also, if any information had been obtained from the County Council of Kilkenny & Carlow as to whether they would be prepared to approve of the project." Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne.

### Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, forwarded report of their Engineer (Mr. A. Hazard), indicating the extent of dredging operations which were necessary at Kilmore Harbour for present requirements, & inquired if the Council would arrange to have the work put in hand.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Devereux.

"That, in connection with report of Engineer of Ministry of Fisheries which accompanied a letter from the Ministry under date 12<sup>th</sup> April 1923, the Finance & Roads Committee recommend the County Council to apply to the Ministry of Fisheries for a statement as to approximate cost of the work before undertaking same."

### Explanation by Rate Collector

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, Mr. P. J. Summitt, Deputy Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District wrote that he could not understand why the Council required from him an explanation as to his action in refusing to attend Council as his opinions politically ought to be well known to the Council. He did not recognise the present Council at present any way.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"That in view of the present political situation, we adjourn consideration of the explanation of Mr. P. J. Summitt, Deputy Rate Collector for No 4 District, for the present, & in the hope that a settlement of the present unfortunate dispute between Irishmen will be settled in the near future."

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. L. Loney, the matter was postponed until next meeting.

### Rate of Courthouses

Messrs W. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote under date 19<sup>th</sup> April 1923 asking if the Council intend paying the rents of Wexford Courthouse, and, if so, when or did the Council repudiate liability.



on the motion of the C. Lawman, it was decided to postpone consideration of this letter until Messrs Doyle & Corish had an opportunity of consulting the Minister of Home Affairs on the courthouses of the County generally.

#### Coroners' Salaries

Applications were received from Dr. Lawlor & Mr. J. J. Roche Coroners for the payment of their salaries to date.

On the motion of Mr. C. Corry, seconded by Mr. Doyle, it was decided that the salaries be paid.

#### Ex-Rate Collectors Mullett & Banville

Applications were received from Messrs J. Mullett & J. Banville, ex-Rate Collectors, for payment of their superannuations.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. C. Corry, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads was confirmed:-

"That the Council be recommended to pay amounts of superannuations due to Messrs Mullett & Banville, ex-Rate Collectors, as soon as possible."

#### Proposed Loan of £3,000 for County Board of Health

The Assistant Secretary stated that he had received an inquiry from the Treasurer (The National Bank) if the Council would be satisfied to take loan of £3,000 for improvement of sewerage in County Sligo, Enniscahy for ten years instead of twenty.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. C. Corry, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"We recommend the County Council to accept loan of £3,000 for sewerage improvement scheme at County Sligo, Enniscahy, repayable in fifteen years, provided the Rate of Interest is regarded as satisfactory."

#### Payment of Urban Demands.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That the County Council be requested, in view of the present financial position to call on the Urban District Councils of New Ross & Wexford to lodge immediately amount of Demand due to County Council."



County Board of Health - Proposed Purchase  
of Residence for Surgeon.

Under date, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1923 Mr. V. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, forwarded the following resolution, which was adopted at the meeting of his Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1923:-

"That this Board, after full investigation, is unanimously of opinion that Mr. George Daly's house at Rosepark, Wexford, would be a suitable & desirable residence for the Hospital Surgeon, & that they recommend the County Council to negotiate for its purchase immediately on the best terms possible."

Mr. Sinnott gave particulars of extent of the holding, etc. He understood that the minimum sum, which the Vendor should be prepared to take, was £1,800. The Board were at present paying £60 a year rent for a residence in Wexford for the Surgeon.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Chasman, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adjourn consideration of the resolution of the County Board of Health re proposed purchase of Rosepark, Wexford, for a sum of £1,800 for residence for Surgeon of County Hospital, until the Council have had an opportunity of examining plans etc., to be submitted by County Board of Health in connection with proposed loan of £10,000 for improvements to County Hospital."

Clerk in County Surveyor's Office

In view of appointment of Mr. Thomas Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, as Assistant Surveyor, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Cummins, that, on Mr. Cullen's appointment being sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government, advertisements be issued for Clerk in County Surveyor's Office at a salary of £156 per annum.

Glenogue Road

The following resolution from the Gorley Rural District Council was submitted:-

"That this Council request the County Council to hand over the Glenogue Road to the Co. Surveyor to be done by direct labour."



On the motion of the C. Lavanagh, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the resolution of the Corby Rural District Council was agreed to.

### Remission of Fine - Prosecution, Motor Car Acts

Under date, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1923, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan Solicitors, Wexford: -

Mr. Martin Laffan, of Skeright Machine, in this County has been with us with reference to a fine of £84, that was placed on him by the District Court on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1923 in respect of not having his Traction Engine duly licensed. There were many circumstances existing at the time, in reference to which we do not want to go into too much detail at present, which prevented our client from paying the tax, and, subsequently, from appearing in Court & making a proper defence to the summons.

It was not out of any lack of respect to the Court that this was done.

We think, under the circumstances, that a remission of the penalty ought to be made, & we would feel very much obliged if you would kindly bring the matter before the proper authorities & ask them to kindly consider the situation & make some remission of the penalty.

On the motion of Mr. James Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lavanagh, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed: -

"That we recommend the County Council to apply to the Minister of Local Government for a mitigation of penalty of £84 imposed on Martin Laffan, Skeright Machine, in connection with offence under Motor Car Acts to £30, to cover amount of Tax & costs"

### Gas in County Hall

The Assistant Secretary read a communication which he had forwarded to the Military Authorities, Wexford, on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1923 enclosing a Bill for £49:4:8 for gas used in the County Hall from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1922 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923. During that period, the only gas used by the County Council was what passed through Gas stove in County Surveyor's Office. A check had been made on the consumption of this stove & it was found that the cost for Gas for the 24 days from 5<sup>th</sup> March, to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923 was 18/-.

Taking this as an average, the cost



of Gas for the 64 days from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1923, to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1923, would be £2: 2: 8. The difference between the accounts for £49: 4: 8 and £2: 2: 8 or £47: 2: 0: represented gas consumed by the Military while in joint occupation of County Hall with County Council staff.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed: -

"That the County Council be recommended to again communicate with the Military Authorities as regards settlement of account for gas used in County Hall."

### Direct Labour Scheme

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne it was decided that the Direct Labour Scheme, as presented to the meeting be granted.

### Limits of Road Expenditure

Correspondence was read from Ennisconally, Gorley, & New Ross Rural District Councils, requesting the County Council to take the necessary steps to have the Road Limits of Expenditure for Ennisconally, Gorley, & New Ross Rural Districts extended to £26,241: 15: 3, £20,179: 6: 6 and £17,365: 19: 9 respectively.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted: -

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction extension of Roads Limits of Expenditure in Ennisconally, Gorley, & New Ross Rural Districts, for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924 to £26,242, £20,179 and £17,366, respectively."

### Salaries of Officers - Gorley Rural District School Attendance Committee

Resolution from Gorley Rural District School Attendance Committee, recommending increase of salaries of £10 each to their Officers, was, on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. James Byrne, referred to the Gorley Rural District Council for their observations.

### Road Estimate - Ennisconally Rural District

The following resolution from Ennisconally Rural District Council in reference to Road Estimate for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924, was submitted: -

"That the Council re-instate the sum of £5,000, provided the quarry work be done"



by piece work as far as possible."

The Chairman stated that, under the present scheme, no provision was made for any of the work being done by piece work, and in consequence of the inclusion of this condition in the resolution of the Ennisceorthy Rural District Council, the County Council had only included the lesser figure of £26,242 in their Rate Estimate.

### Loan of £10,000 - County Hospital Improvement

The following resolution from New Ross Urban District Council was submitted:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council, emphatically protest against the proposed expenditure of the sum of £10,000 for the improvement & equipment of the new County Hospital, and also the sum of £3,000 on the Ennisceorthy County Home, in order to make these institutions sanitary & habitable, as the New Ross Institution possesses every equipment & modern sanitary convenience, making it in every respect suitable for either a County Hospital or County Home without any expenditure whatever.

"That we call upon the Ministry of Local Government to appoint an Engineering Inspector to examine & report on the condition of these Institutions before authorising the proposed expenditure of the ratepayers' money &

"That we desire to point out, within the past decade, the sum of approximately £10,000 has been spent by the ratepayers of New Ross Union in making their Infirmary up-to-date in every respect & certainly one of the finest Institutions in Ireland."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the protest from New Ross Urban District Council, regarding proposed loan of £10,000 for improvement & equipment of County Hospital, be considered at next meeting."

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act

Mr Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Yems, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.



An application for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from Mr. R. Green, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

On the motion of the Chairman, the applications were agreed to.

### Payment on Certificate, Criminal Justice Act

The following letter, under date 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Sessions Clerk, New Ross:-

"I enclose a form under Criminal Justice Act for expense incurred in the committal of Leonard Sweeney of no fixed abode on a charge of larceny at New Ross on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1923. Please let me know who will pay the expenses in this class of case. I understand that your Council are willing to pay some expenses etc., in connection with prisoners as were paid when we were under British rule."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, it was decided to notify the Treasurer (The National Bank Ltd) to pay on certificates issued by District Justice under above Act. The amount advanced each year by the Treasurer to be claimed from the Ministry of Finance at the close of half year.

### Payments to Subsidiary Bodies

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. James Byrne, the Secretary was instructed to issue Paying Orders to the various Public Bodies, financed by the Council, according to their requirements, taking into consideration the present financial position of the County Council.

### Staggard Quarry

Mr. Bolony stated that he had been informed that the men employed at Staggard Quarry, had left the quarry for one day at the direction of an outside authority. He questioned whether this was allowable & enquired if they were paid for the day they were absent.

The County Surveyor stated he was not notified by the ganger of the men's absence.

Mr. Shannon asked Mr. Bolony for the name of his informant, & the latter stated he would give the name to the County Surveyor.



On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne the County Surveyor was directed, on receipt of the name of Mr. Clonely's informant, to have inquiries made into the matter & to report to next meeting.

#### Yencee at Monamolin

The following letter was read from Mr. Daniel Quigley, Monamolin, Rathnure:

"I should feel very thankful if your Council would make a final & successful effort to have the paling completed on the road leading up to my place. The work was begun some five or six years ago & I appealed to Messrs Barry & Ennis some three years ago to have work completed, but all my efforts proved abortive. The road is far more dangerous since posts were erected as cattle are more liable to fall into watercourse, as when they go inside posts, they have no bank to walk on. Not only is paling unfinished but I had to send out my own men for the last two years to keep that road in repair although I have paid £60 in rates.

The ratepayers' patience shall soon be exhausted if matters do not improve as each & all say we get very little value for our money."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the County Surveyor was directed to have the work completed as soon as possible.

#### Preparation of Rate Books, etc

On the motion of the Chairman, the Secretary was authorised to employ temporary staff for preparing Rate Books & Rate collectors' Receipts & Demand Notes.

#### Peace.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the following letter was read from Rev. Jas. P. Conry, M. A. Secretary to Monsignor Lizio:-

Monsignor Lizio desires me to convey to the Wexford County Council his thanks for your communication dated the 12<sup>th</sup> instant.

The Papal Envoy is at one with the desire of the Wexford County Council in voicing the desire of the Irish people for peace, & he will



as already stated, lose no opportunity of seconding in every possible manner the cause of peace in Ireland.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1923, the following letter was read from his Eminence, Cardinal Logue: -

I beg to acknowledge the copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> April

Return of Unemployment Insurance Cards.

On the motion of the Chairman, the County Surveyor was directed to return, as soon as possible, unemployment insurance cards to workmen on the termination of their employment.

E. O'Kenna

18/4/23